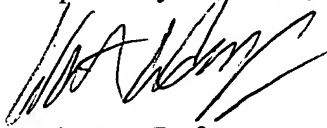


REMARKS

The present amendment cancels product claims contained in the allowed parent application (10/044,513) and presents method claims 1-10 that were canceled without prejudice from the parent application following a restriction requirement dated May 29, 2003. New method claims 31-41 are additionally being added, bringing the total number of claims to 21.

The specification is also being amended to add a cross-reference to the parent application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter W. Duft', is written over the typed name.

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